

STATE OF MAINE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DOCKET NO. 2002-611

October 15, 2002

BANGOR GAS COMPANY, L.L.C.  
Request for Approval of Affiliated  
Transaction with Sempra Energy Trading  
Company

NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

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On October 9, 2002, Bangor Gas Company (Bangor Gas or BGC) filed an application for approval, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. §707, of a transaction with its affiliate, Sempra Energy Trading Company (SETC). BGC proposes to enter into an extension of its gas supply contract with SETC for the winter gas period, November 1, 2002 through April 30, 2003.<sup>1</sup> Under this agreement, gas prices would be set according to an index. Bangor Gas seeks expeditious approval of this Gas Supply Contract, by November 1, 2002, coincident with the start of the 2002-2003 winter cost period.

In addition, Bangor Gas requests confidential treatment for the entirety of the Gas Supply Contract because it contains highly proprietary information, including information pertaining to projected load, terms of gas purchases, and negotiated arrangements concerning gas pricing. Bangor Gas also requests that the record in Docket No. 2002-481, *Bangor Gas Company LLC, Proposed Cost of Gas Adjustment for Winter Period 2002-2003*, be incorporated in this docket for the purpose of efficiency and economy. BGC's bidding process and preliminary determinations were discussed at the September 25, 2002 technical conference in that docket.<sup>2</sup>

This notice is being sent to the service lists of the following Commission proceedings: Docket Nos. 2002-481 and 2000-938.

Any person interested in participating in this proceeding may do so in one of two ways:

1. You may petition to intervene. Your petition must be made in writing and must state the name and docket number of this proceeding, and the manner in which you are affected by the proceeding. Your petition must also include a short and plain statement of the nature and extent of the participation you seek, and a statement of the

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission approved the original agreement in Docket No. 2000-938, *Bangor Gas Company, LLC Application for Approval of Affiliated Transaction with Sempra Energy Trading Company and/or For Waiver or Exemption (35-A M.R.S.A. § 707)* on February 26, 2001. The Commission also approved subsequent six-month extensions covering the period beginning May 1, 2001 to the present.

<sup>2</sup> These discussions were held *in camera* and are subject to Protective Order.

nature of the evidence or argument you intend to submit. Your petition must be received by the Administrative Director, Public Utilities Commission, 242 State Street, Augusta, Maine 04333, no later than **October 18, 2002**. You must send a copy of your petition to Bangor Gas Company, LLC, P.O. Box 980, Bangor, ME 04402-0980.

2. You may request that your name be placed on the Commission's mailing list for this case as an interested person.

Technical conferences or hearings will be scheduled after October 18, 2002 as warranted after interventions are received.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER

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